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THE CHARGE OF BRIBERY

The grand jury is on the scent of a bribery scandal. Whether there was bribery or attempted bribery in the late legislature remains to be proved, but if so, it is important that now on the eve of statehood, punishment should follow swiftly.

In former years, tampering with members of the legislature was regarded as a joke, rather than an offense against the laws. It was thought that the member in accepting money for a vote was merely exercising his constitutional right of contract. If he remained true to his purchaser, that was thought to be a pretty fair measure of his integrity. Now and then complaint was heard of a member who "would not stay bought."

There was not a great deal of concealment in these things in the old days, but we are pleased to say that little or no scandal has attached to recent legislatures. We hope that it will turn out that the charge, which the grand jury is now investigating, will be found to have grown out of a baseless suspicion—Arizona Republican.

We heartily agree with our esteemed contemporary. The time has arrived in Arizona when "buying mules" in our legislature should no longer be in the joke class of legislative incidents. If there was bribery, or attempt at bribery, in connection with the local option bills passed or proposed during the recent legislature the guilty parties should be promptly punished.

TAFT AND LABOR.

President Taft stated with great clearness his policy regarding labor legislation and the cause of labor in his inaugural address March 4. He declared himself squarely in sympathy with and in support of the policy pursued by the previous administration, and announced his intention of promoting, so far as he was able, the enactment of further legislation along the lines of that already secured in the interest of the laboring man. His concise statement of his position respecting injunctions was undoubtedly the most striking feature of his address.

Renewed attention has been called to the matter in question by the interview between the president and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor last Friday. So far as the reports from Washington indicate, Mr. Gompers and his fellow members of the executive council seem to have been well pleased with the formal interview respecting the reinsurance of an intention to promote legislation as heretofore indicated and the president's announced purpose of investigating such other matters presented as seemed to require attention.

As to the question of injunctions, there plainly is no chance for white house proselytizing on the part of those who would create a favored class to be exempt from the application of court writs. On this question the president stands where he stood when he accepted nomination, where he stood throughout the campaign and where he may be expected to stand until the end of his administration. The issue was most thoroughly threshed out during the campaign, and the arguments of radical labor leaders failed of popular endorsement. It is reported that the political fight will be renewed, but as far as Mr. Taft is concerned the original position is reiterated and emphasized by his statement that he will keep the

ATTORNEYS FAMOUS IN THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE OF STANDARD OIL CASE



Interests of the whole people in view.

In his inaugural Mr. Taft declared that to take away from the courts, if it could be taken away, the power to issue injunctions in labor disputes, would create a privileged class; that the proposition that business is not a property right which can be protected by equitable injunction is without foundation or reason. He branded the boycott as an instrument of tyranny. He favored legislation to remedy abuses growing out of the issuance of temporary restraining orders without notice.

BRIBERY INVESTIGATION.

The investigation undertaken by the Maricopa grand jury into rumors of bribery or attempted bribery in connection with the pending local option bill in the late legislature is naturally attracting much attention throughout the territory.

That there were paid attorneys and lobbyists in Phoenix during the session of the twenty-fifth legislature to prevent anti-saloon legislation is well known, but it is not likely that any bribery or attempt at bribery can be uncovered and it is to be hoped that nothing of the kind was going on at the capitol during the legislative session, as an exposure of this kind would greatly mar the good name of Arizona at a time when it would have a damaging effect on our statehood aspirations.

However, if these rumors of crooked work by those who sought to protect the saloon interests of the territory during the legislative session are found to be based on facts, then all the good citizens of Arizona will hope that the grand jury and prosecuting officials of Maricopa county will spare no one in the matter.

The investigation at Phoenix seems to be based on reported assertions; based on something that Kean St. Charles, member of the council from Mohave county, is reported to have said about what might have been the result of opposition on his part to the Pace bill. On the floor of the council, when he cast his vote for the Pace bill, St. Charles stated that his vote would mean both political and financial disaster to him in the future, but intimated nothing at that time that any attempt had been made to bribe him.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

The Boston News Bureau thus views the present business situation: "The same restrictive features that have so long governed the general business situation are still operative, and yet every day to a lessened degree. We are gradually getting nearer to the settlement of the tariff, and there exists an underlying belief that when this legislation is completed, it will be found that American industry has ample protection."

"One of the most promising signs of the times is the increased activity in the building trade. This is the result of the decline in the prices for building material."

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"But in a great many branches of trade there is much improved inquiry. People are busier, and as they get in this condition they have less time to discuss the unfavorable factors."

"In quarters nearest to the commercial and financial pulse the belief is, confident that with good crops the country will make rapid strides forward the coming autumn, and this idea is gradually permeating the mind of the business world."

Delegate Cameron has introduced a bill in congress providing that after its passage the Santa Fe railroad running through northern Arizona shall pay taxes in the same manner as all other railroads in the territory. When the Santa Fe railroad was originally built through the territory it received a large land grant from the government and in addition it was given exemption from all taxes in Arizona until such time as the territory should be admitted as a state. Some ten years ago congress passed a law providing for the payment of taxes by the Santa Fe at the flat rate of \$175 per mile. This was when the railroad was seeking some national legislation in connection with the consolidation of all its lines. If it may be legally done this law of no reason why the Santa Fe should not be made to pay its full share of taxes.

The American mining man who is going to Mexico will make his visit more pleasant and profitable if he will learn the Spanish language. Spanish is the language of the officials and a majority of the laboring classes and the man who is without it is handicapped to a large extent from the start. Some of the Spanish heard at the mines, however, is amusing and must be confusing to the men at work. English is spoken by a majority of the superintendents, but the intercourse through these channels is necessarily limited. Spanish is an easy language to learn and its importance in the Mexican field to the American miner cannot be overestimated.

Says the Arizona Democrat: "Judge Kent has taken upon himself the task, where Governor Kibbey left off, of criticizing the legislature for abolishing the office of public examiner. The Democrat has an idea that Judge Kent, like Governor Kibbey, is going to have trouble to keep his own political head on straight without worrying about the decapitation of other politicians."

It is being hinted around the territorial capital that the "organization" has placed the matter of dispensing republican federal and territorial patronage solely in the hands of J. C. Adams of Phoenix. If this be true, the boys now in the capitol building in Phoenix may as well begin to pack their baggage.

"The Atlanta Georgian seems disposed to take a lenient view of the

man who traded his wife for a keg of beer," says the Milwaukee Sentinel. Milwaukee, naturally, is interested in the views various communities take of that proposition.

"Aw, what's the use of spring mint in a prohibition state," snaps the Savannah News. The which was evidently intended neither for a sermon nor a song.

What is the difference between a bolter who bolts an aggregation of good politicians in convention assembled and a chairman or a secretary of a central committee who bolts a poor politician?

The supreme court of Louisiana has affirmed the constitutionality of the law in that state which abolishes gambling on the roads. Which is one more victory for law and order.

A Texas mob carelessly lynched the wrong man last week. The gentlemanly and good-natured lynched, however, has entered no complaint.

Texas always goes the limit. She proposes to give President Taft a banquet of humming birds to offset the Georgia possums.

"Judge Parker despairs of the republic," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Not because T. R. has departed for Africa, however.

Sims Ely has comfortably placed himself in a position where he cannot be disturbed by the "organization" axe.

That Virginia man who has three wives must feel safe in jail for three years at least.

Hail, spring. You frisky young thing.

Guardians have been appointed for Stanley McCormick, son of the former head of the harvester trust, by the superior court of Los Angeles. In mentioning the young man's mental troubles a physician testified that "he was suffering from katalonia, a mental lethargy, and was not interested in his affairs." That is certainly putting it very nicely. Had the young man been without means the Doc. would have probably said that he was locoed, bughouse, nutty, daffy, or some other short but equally expressive term.

Missouri is considering the abolition of the death penalty. In that case the kidnapers will have to carry on their operations there, and in those other states where that benevolent sentiment exists.

When Kibbey bolts Kent and Kent bolts Dunleavy; when Ely bolts Foster and Foster bolts Pace; when Adams bolts Creighton and Creighton bolts Kirk; when Akers bolts Trindle and Trindle bolts his brother; when Cameron bolts Smith and Smith bolts Young, then and not till then, actuated by a spirit of political leveling, will there be peace in G. O. P. circles in Arizona.

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Every woman has at least one dinner gown in her wardrobe. At luncheon she is careful to wear a frock that is becoming and in good style, in case a friend might drop in. How often does she consider her appearance at breakfast? Anything is good enough to put on then, because only the family are there. It is a curious thing that she is least anxious to please those for whom she cares most. It may seem impossible, but there are women who even go to the table with their hair in curl papers, wearing such an atrocity as a calico wrapper. There is, perhaps, nothing in the whole gamut of wearing apparel so fatal to a woman's good looks as one of these



poorly-cut garments, and they are invariably of a crude color. One of these wrappers, in combination with curl papers, is enough to make any man fancy that the muffins are stony, and so subside behind the morning paper in grim silence.

A woman should live up to her part as mistress of the manor, and do her best to be attractive and cheerful in the morning. Often the whole day is influenced by the mental state of different members of the family at the breakfast table, and if one is disagreeable then the day for all is begun unhappily, and is likely to end so. There really is no need of being grumpy in the morning, for it is the beginning of a new day, and every day has some bright spots, if we look for them.

A woman can do more than she realizes, by simply being pleasant and looking sweet and dainty in a little breakfast jacket and cap. It will make one feel good for the rest of the day just to look at her.

These little caps are wonderfully becoming, and lend a charming dignity to the wearer.

Women may rest assured that this little effort on their part to start the day happily will be thoroughly appreciated by all members of the family, and they, in their turn, will help make the morning meal a congenial affair, instead of the hurried "hair it so often has become."

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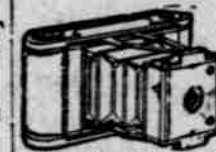
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